QUARTZ
FLOWERS
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?
THIS ISN'T FOR SUI
IT'S FOR ME
DOES HE KNOW ?

玻璃の花

(はりのはな)

FUSANOSUKE INARIYA PRESENTS

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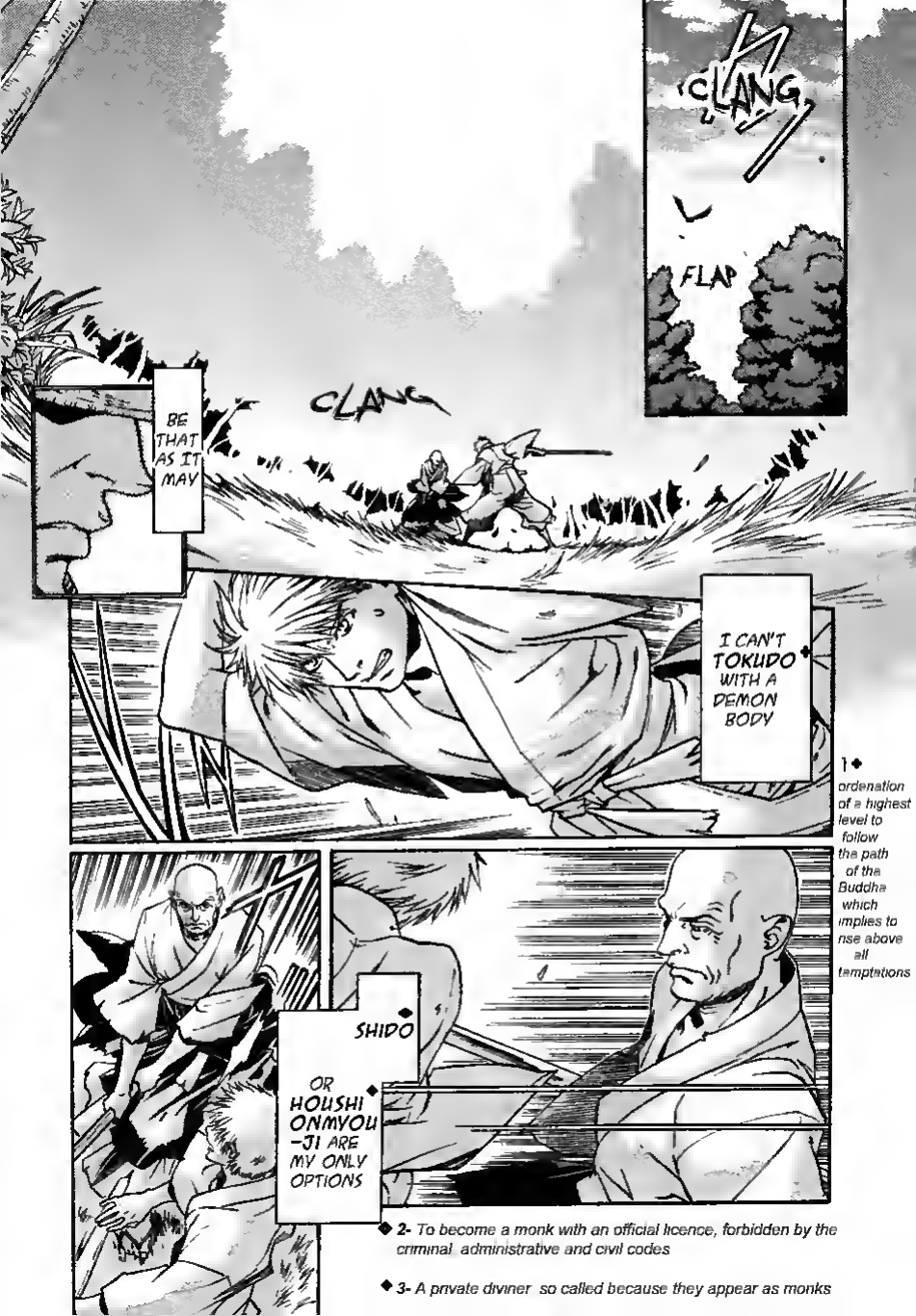
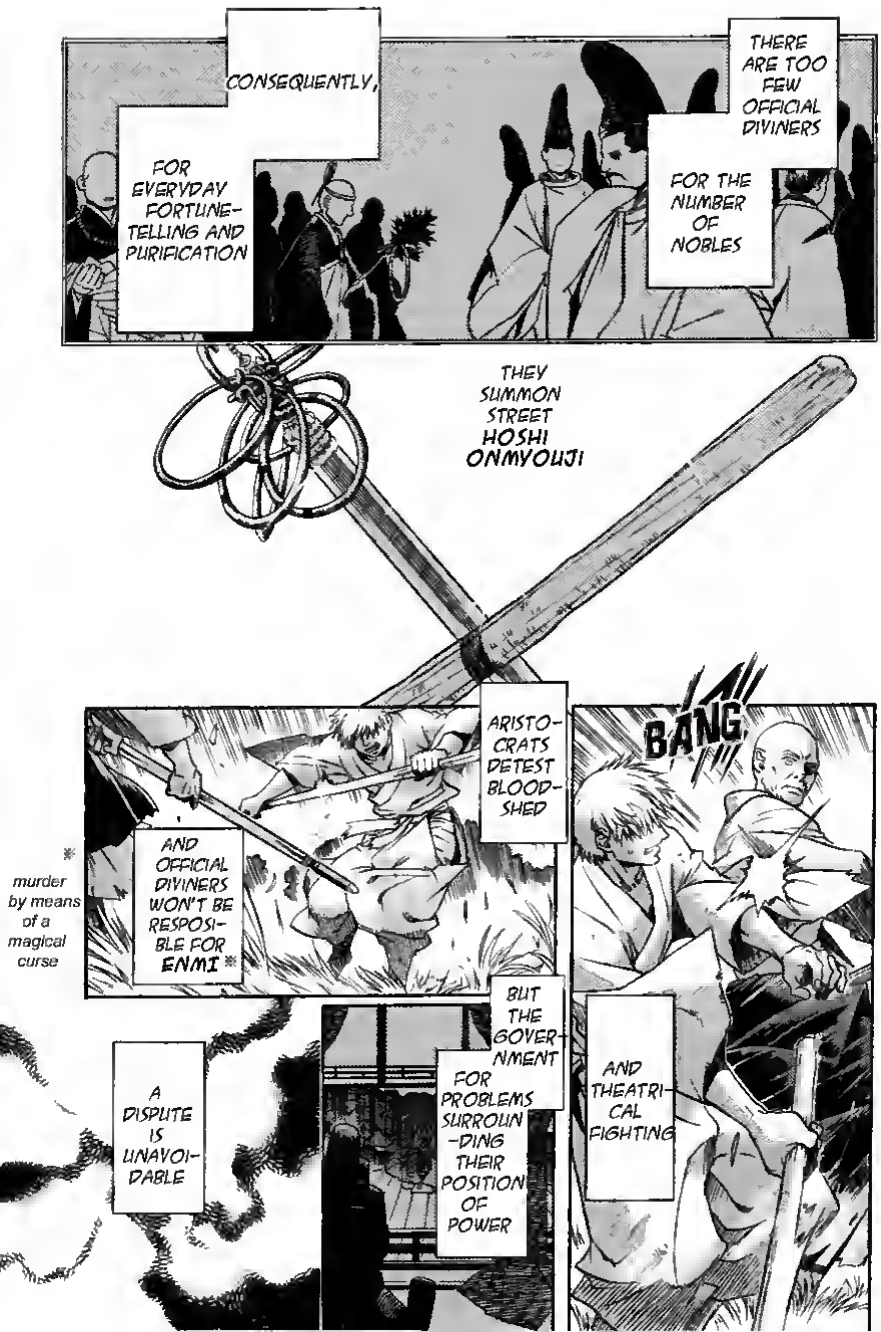


1◆ *ordenation of a highest level to follow the path of the Buddha which implies to rise above all temptations*

◆ **2-** *To become a monk with an official licence, forbidden by the criminal administrative and civil codes*

◆ **3-** *A private diviner so called because they appear as monks*


CONSEQUENTLY,
FOR EVERYDAY FORTUNE-TELLING AND PURIFICATION
THERE ARE TOO FEW OFFICIAL DIVINERS
FOR THE NUMBER OF NOBLES
THEY SUMMON STREET HOSHI ONMYOUJI
ARISTO-CRATS DETEST BLOOD-SHED
AND OFFICIAL DIVINERS WON'T BE RESPOSI-BLE FOR ENMI※
※ murder by means of a magical curse
BANG
BUT THE GOVER-NMENT
FOR PROBLEMS SURROUN-DING THEIR POSITION OF POWER
A DISPUTE IS UNAVOI-DABLE
AND THEATRI-CAL FIGHTING

TAP
PEOPLE WHO'LL DO THE DIRTY WORK
SO THEY'RE NEEDED
GOT HIM
HOSHI ONMYOUJI
AND PEOPLE LIKE SUI
SHOOM
WHAT ...?
HOW DID YOU DO THAT ...?
THERE
DAMN IT
THREE YEARS
splash
splash
AND I'M STILL NO MATCH FOR YOU

I CAN'T STOP HERE
BUT IF IT'LL GET ME CLOSER TO THERE
PAIN !
THIS IS THE PAIN I FELT WHEN SUI WAS LAYING A CURSE
SLASH
I HAVE TO GET
ONE MORE MATCH
QUI-CKLY
SUI IS SUFFERING NOW TOO
NOTHING ...
WHAT'S WRONG ?

BANG
TO SUI
WHOOSH
YOU'RE GIVING ME NOTHING BUT CHANCES TO STRIKE
DAMN IT

ONE MORE TIME!
NO
THUNK
I WAS JUST CARELESS
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY
WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THE VILLAGE
IF YOU WATCH MY MOVEMENTS CLOSELY
YOU SHOULD NATURALLY UNDERSTAND IT
WHAT I DID BEFORE?
WHAT YOU DID BEFORE?
DISSAPEARING
...OH
rustle
rustle
HEY, HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

AREN'T
YOU GOING TO HELP ME ?
THESE THREE YEARS
WHETHER IS TECHNIQUES OR MARTIAL ARTS, YOU'VE NEVER TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING
THE WATER WHEEL'S BROKEN
COULD YOU HAVE A LOOK AT IT ?
SURE
EH
PLAY WITH US
squeal
HAS IT REALLY ONLY BEEN 3 MONTHS?
OH
YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIT
shriek
AT THIS RATE ...
HEY MISTER!
AND STAY THE NIGHT
IT'S NOT MUCH BUT TAKE THIS AS THANKS

COME ON
LET'S GO OVER THERE
VENE-RABLE SIR
MY GRANDPA'S HIPS ARE—
MY WIFE HAS A COUGH
..
HEY, I'M GOING TO PLAY WITH THESE BRATS
SQUEAL
THE FIRST TO GET THE "TREASURE"
AND GET OUT IS THE WINNER
scrape
scrape
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SHRIEK
I'll swing the winner around and around
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
YOU MUST HAVE LOTS OF SIBLINGS
NO
YOU'RE VERY GOOD WITH CHILDREN

THAT'S RIGHT
YOU WON'T GET A LICK OF REST HERE
WE COULD HAVE A HUNDRED YOUNG MEN AND IT STILL WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH
Aha haha
THE GIRLS ARE AFTER HUSBANDS TOO
I LEARNT IT ALL FROM THE MAN WHO ACTED AS MY FOSTER PARENT
AND RAISED ME
MISTER
ER, WELL, I'M...
WHAT?!
WE CAN'T GET TO THE "TREASURE" EITHER
WE CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS
OH YES?
OVER HERE, MAYBE
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!
I KNOW!
THEY MUST BE ABLE TO
I DIDN'T MAKE IT TOO HARD

YAY !

WHAT!
!?
I'M FIRST!
JUMP
JUMP
JUMP
STEP
RIGHT, MISTER ?
HOW CAN YOU BE FIRST WHEN YOU JUST JUMPED OVER THE LINES!!
YOU IDIOT
THAT'S CHEATING ?!
IT'S NOT CHEATING
HE NEVER SAID YOU COULDN'T CROSS THE LINES

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MISTER ...?
YOU'RE GOING ?

IT'S YOUR FAULT
YOU WERE AWAKE ?
I'VE FOUND MY "PATH"
I HAVE TO GO SOON
OLD MAN
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
TBC